

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An Ethernet Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer, ~~DSLAM~~, (33) (DSLAM) and method of dynamically creating a service binding in the Ethernet DSLAM based on a service selection made by an end-user-(31). The end-user may use the PPPoE or IEEE802.1X access protocols to provide login credentials indicating the desired service. The login credentials are validated towards a RADIUS server-(40), ~~and this server,~~ which configures the Ethernet DSLAM (33) with the attributes of the service binding, including an identified Permanent Virtual Circuit, ~~PVC~~, (12) (PVC) to carry the desired service. The Ethernet DSLAM may map service-VLANs to user MAC addresses (34), ~~or may map service VLANs to or to~~ user-VLANs (62) to establish the service binding. The Ethernet DSLAM uses the identified PVC for downstream traffic for the corresponding service binding and thereby “trains” a learning bridge network terminal to use the correct PVC for upstream traffic.

A clean copy of the amended Abstract is attached hereto.